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Day by Day more and More
members are showing a
real interest in Our A.A.M.M.

they can help and also receive help in the various problems which confront us.

It will not be long till our state convention, so plan ahead to save this time for that purpose. (Editor Date June 4 & 5 -Yakima)

Our legislative fund is very low. Now maybe our new members don't know what this is, so I will explain. All members are asked (it is not compulsory) Editor: Voted in Convention) to donate three dollars, more or less to the legislative fund each month. This is to be used by our Legislative committee for expenses in the process of getting a massage bill passed thru legislation

This would license the state Masseurs and Masseuses for their own protection and also that of their patrons.

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OUR MONTHLY MESSAGE
By Arthur Mann, State President
Washington State Chapter.

O-U-R F-U-T-U-R-E

No doubt all of us wish we could look into a crystal ball and see what the future holds for us.

I know we are all wondering about the future of our A.A.M.M. with so many important decisions to be made and so much work done and so much more to be done, will all this work be in vain? or will we build our massage Profession to the place where future generations will carry on where we leave off?

The next year or so, will be a very important time. If we can get a massage Bill passed and a Massage school where the A.A.M.M. decides the curriculum, then we will have laid a solid foundation on which to work.

Our Conventions are a good place for all new members to find out about our organization and how

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Also, I would like to ask those who have any literature, new methods, ideas etc. to let our editor know. He will put it in the paper so all may benefit by your sharing of knowledge

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Oh! Crystal ball please tell me true
What does the future hold for me.
My hope, my faith is it in vain?
Will all our work go down the drain
Or will we steadfast stand and true
Until our goal at last we view.
And we can stand and point with pride
To an A.A.M.M. which will abide.

By Arthur Mann. Washington Pres.

THE TRI-STATE MEETING!

Quote " I have written to the three State Presidents about the meeting. Just waiting for their answer now.

Six of the ballots have come back and there isn't a NO on them! So they carried. Goody! Hope to have more news for you soon too." Ruth Williams National President A.A.M.M.

Well that is the News---- Do you all know what it is about? Your Editor doubts it---- so Your Asst Editor will have to tell what happened,---- Elsewhere you will find a letter by Ann B White, National Director of the A.A.M.M. in Massachusetts--- In this letter she sent to each director she wants to have the National Convention choose the "MASSEUR OR MASSEUSE OF THE YEAR"--- So our President took a vote of the Board of directors. and there was a vote in favor of this plan.

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A plan was submitted to these Directors to put in motion a "STAMP PLAN"---- The purpose of this plan is to advertise the A.A.M.M. very widely, and get some finances for the A.A.M.M. for Promotional work--- Also there wasn't a NO vote on them either. By counting the number of officers and the ballots--- there may be just one ballot that didn't come back. Maybe it was just one objection?

Your Editor don't have complete knowledge in this matter either. and Your National President may be trying to find out also--- This is a democratic Association--- That is why we have these meetings to meet people, and find out how to accomplish the things that will make our Association progress.

We anticipate a tri-state meeting Mar 19 & 20 so it has been announced verbally---- So far Idaho has offered the invitation, they want to be our hosts--- and what a fine time they gave us in Boise! Watch for the next issue of the A.A.M.M News for further information. They want all of our members in Washington, Oregon and Idaho to be there. Note other item elsewhere this issue.

SOME MORE PROGRESS!

Now that our National President has a family of 50 persons in her Official family-- Mrs. Ruth Williams has instituted a system of reports for each member each month, and in turn she condenses these reports and mails each Officer a copy---This is GOOD BUSINESS. She hopes she will get all reports to her by the 5th of each month.

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Note;-- This is a very difficult ISSUE to get out...There are so many issues pending of which we cannot report because the facts are not known, so at this time we are gazing in the "Crystal Ball" not knowing just exactly what to write on a number of important questions... We may have to issue an "EXTRA" or at least send a letter to some of our members. ---Please watch for the News.

By M.A. Niedfelt Asst Editor.

The February issue of the A.A.M.M News we put out 205copies! Of course we sent about 80 copies down in Florida, and already we received 4 requests for information about our A.A.M.M.--- The National A.A.M.M paid for some of this as you will see elsewhere in this issue. Thanks to the National, we are always glad to get people interested in the A.A.M.M when we can, and ask them to join us..

By M.A. Niedfelt.

From the Idaho Chapter

Idaho has now issued its first copy of the A.A.M.M News-- Your Assit Editor thinks it is great. They promise to issue a March issue also --- More power to them!

Let us suggest that you help them along with their new venture. Write Mrs. Mary Babbitt--1509 N 15th St--Boise Idaho and send them a little donation for their paper--- They will send a whole years Subscription for \$2.00. ---Do it NOW. M.A. Niedfelt

The first Official History of our A.A.M.M is in the Idaho Chapter A.A.M.M News, in brief form.... It is very interesting.

GRANDMA'S SPEC TICLES

From Idaho Chapter A.A.M.M News --Feby' 1955

"Wouldn't you hate to wear specticles all the time," asked a small boy of his playmate.

"No-n," answered the playmate, slowly, "not if I had Grandma's kind. You see, she sees how to fix a lot of things, and sees lots of nice things to do on rainy days; she sees when folks are tired or sorry, and what'll make 'em feel better; and she always sees what you meant to do, even if you haven't got things just right. I asked her one day how she could see that way all the time, and she said it was the way she had learned to look at things as she grew older. So it must be her spectacles

REMEMBER---CHINOOK HOTEL--YAKIMA

June 4-&-5th--1955

Remember our Washington Convention will be in the Chinook Hotel on June 4 & 5th 1955--- Here we make the rules and regulations that Govern our Washington A.A.M.M for the next year--This is Democracy, Every member in Washington State should be there BY ALL MEANS Single Rooms are \$5.00 and up---- with Bath.

Twin Rooms---\$8.00 Up---With Bath

Double Room: \$7.00 and up

For Garden Room \$15.00 per day....

Mrs. Jessie Smith who is helping to arrange our Convention would like to have your letters----Her address is 1006 North 6th Ave Yakima. We need your help and advise in the conduct of our A.A.M.M. and here we can find out from our people what they really need and want.

see Pg 26 By M.A. Niedfelt.

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From South Dakota
Our Baby Chapter!

(Introduction deleted) We very much appreciated the copy of the Washington Chapter A.A.M.M News, as we are very anxious to learn what is going on around the country in our field of work. As you stated in your letter, we need all the help and ideas we can get, and may, from time to time, wish to call on some of the officers you mentioned.

We only have four members in the South Dakota Chapter as yet, all living here in Sious Falls, However, we intend to advertise *****

As to how we got the thing started; I heard from a North Dakota practitioner about the A.A.M.M and wrote to the National Secretary, Mr. Carlson, for further information. He sent me literature and application blanks, and gave me the names of two members who lived here in Sious Falls, I contacted them, and it was agreed that myself and a friend who also is a masseuse would join, thus making the minimum membership required to form a chapter, which was done as soon as our membership were approved. This brings the history of our infant chapter up to date, with much to be done, but with high hopes for the future. The moral support of others in the organization is needed and appreciated, and we wish to thank you, personally, Mr. Niedfelt, for your interest. We will be glad to hear from you when convenient for you to write.

Very truly yours Secty Treas, S D. Chapter.

Ed. Note: Gladys Storie's address is 230 N Fairfax Ave, Sioux Falls
Drop her your card and tell her who you are!

Thanks for Financial help from
Theodore Norby 313 Fourth Ave.--North Grand Forks North Dakota \$2.00
From our National Secty-treas 2 checks one for \$8.18 and for \$2.58
From Mr. Claud Guffey of South Prairie for \$5.00---Mary Babbitt
send in \$2.00 and the Oregon Chapter sent in \$3.00

To those that are interested in the work and results involved, and the importance of our A.A.M.M. News let me say that our last issue took nearly 20 pounds of paper, 15 stencils, and \$4.00 of stamps--- Our State Treasurer could not possibly pay for this if it were not for the help that outsiders, and members are contributing to our paper. Their contributions make our paper grow, and in turn we get new Chapters, new members and PRESTIGE and recognition.
Again we want to thank all our fine contributors for this help.

M.A. Niedfelt, Asst Editor.

Letter to all National Directors
By A.A.M.M National Director
Ann B. White --246 Pleasant St
East Walpole Massachusetts

To the Officers of the A.A.M.M.

I suggest that a masseur or Masseuse of the year (and every year) be named at the next convention. It would be good publicity--just as a Doctor of the year is named by A.M.A.

It would be well to have names submitted before July 1, 1955 to Gladys Weiler and acted on by all the Officers at the Convention. It would give us time to check the individual. Naturally it would be someone the A.A.M.M would be proud of.

Ed. Note:- (This action passed the Board of Directors 100%)

OREGON NEWS

OREGON CHAPTER A.A.M.M.

(South of the Boarder)

On Thursday morning the 17th of February, your Sec. & Vice Pres. made a hurried trip to Salem to attend a committee report pertaining to the opening of the Grand Father Clause of the Oregon State Message Laws. Pres. Faria and Sec. Wolff of the State Message Commission were there together with their attorney to speak for the Commission. Senator Francis, Yamhill County, presiding at the meeting, during which much talk both pro and con, were heard. After much heated debate, the amendment to the Message Laws was referred back to Committee to come out for final reading at a future date. To this writer's opinion, you can not please all the people all the time, so why try?

The next bimonthly meeting of our chapter will be held on March 13th at Eliz. Van Der Veen place of business 1532 N.E. Broadway, Portland Oregon. at which time all should be there.

In a report from our National President's office, we learn that Idaho Chapter is getting out their own monthly paper. More power to Idaho!

A tri-state meeting of the A.A.M.M (Washington Idaho, & Oregon Ed note) is now in the offing as reported by our State Pres Ruth Olson. Announcement of that meeting will be reported later. This meeting would be an excellent time for all our members to take a holiday from business, and learn what the other part of the "World" is doing in our line of work.

A multigraphed letter, together with other pertinent facts, has been mailed to all graduate members of the Oregon School of Message and Physical Therapy, and to date we have had several favorable responses. which we are hoping will bring in more members.

And that, my good friends, winds up another reporters' report to the Chapter, and until then, this' thirty' for tonight.

C.A. Tyler Sec-Treas Oregon Chapter.
Box 93 Dundee Oregon.

ANOTHER THOUGHT!

One of the members has expressed the thought that some of our Masseurs and Masseuses could remember the American Association of Masseurs and Masseuses in their "Wills" --- Quite a number of our members are of the age they are thinking about what little they have, and here in the State of Washington we have attended the funeral of one masseur or masseuse each year. Make the amount out to the National Treasury of the American Association of Masseurs and Masseuses... It will go for the purpose that you have worked for many years, sometimes. It will not be wasted!

SEATTLE LOCAL MEETING

Sunday March 6th---1955 ---2:00 P.M.
At Mrs. Myrtle Mann's --- at Olympia Wash.

This will certainly be an interesting meeting at Mrs. Myrtle Mann's place just our from Olympia near Tenino. All members and their friends are urged to be present.

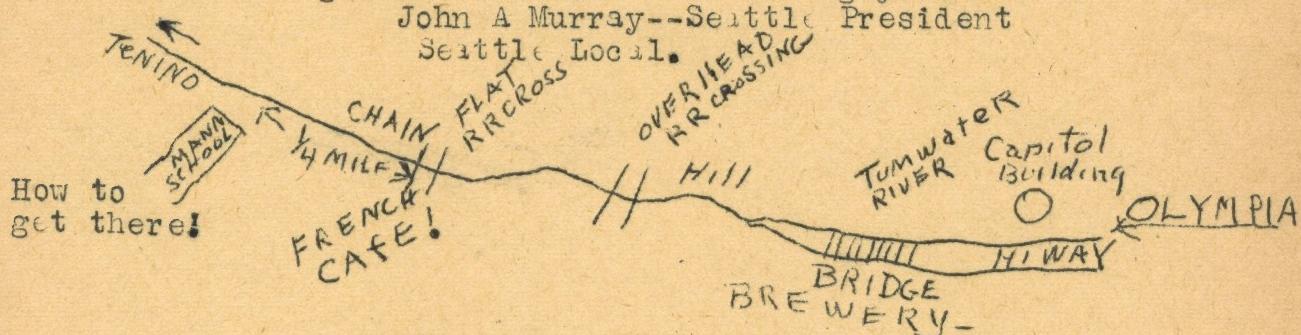
Mrs. Mann conducts a Massage School there, and she will tell what she expects of her students, she will furnish us with demonstrations, and all attending this meeting will be glad they attended. Members in Seattle can meet at Mr. Niedfelt's place 805 E Denny, CA 8555. and those having cars will pick you up there as before.

This is the first time we have had a meeting south of Seattle for some time, and we expect members from the south part of the state to come who haven't been able to come before---As it will take about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours to get to Mrs. Mann's place, 12:30 P.M. should be the latest to leave Niedfelt's place.

How to get there: Go to Olympia (from Seattle) up the main street past the State Capitol, follow through past the Olympia Brewery toward Tenino--Pass under the Overhead RR track, and cross the next R.R. track and about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile she has a business sign indicating her place, on the Left side. However before you come to her place you can look for the "FRENCH RESTAURANT" also on the left side. It is on the Olympia Tenino Highway--She has a business sign telling what place is hers. Remember March 6th at 2:00 P.M.

There will be the question of Tri-state meeting, and our Massage Act and other things to discuss. Be seeing you!

John A Murray--Seattle President
Seattle Local.



Greetings to the Idaho Chapter
And Their News-paper!

This paper, and Washington State President, wishes to extend congratulations to the Idaho Chapter and to its new publication. May the best fortune attend your efforts and the best of good fortune be the portion of each and every member from one group of Westerners to another group of Westerners. Washington says "Viva Idaho!"

May this issue find each and everyone of its members in good health and enjoying the season and prosperity.

Art. Dunbar, Editor and Chairman Legal Comm.
Arthur Mann, Washington State President.
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MORE ABOUT THE TRI-STATE MEETING

It is intended to have the Tri-state meeting at Lewiston Idaho on March 19 & 20th--It is imperative that everyone possible be there. --If there is any changes, you will receive a POST-CARD, as there will not be another issue of the AAMI News before then.

For Street Location contact Mr. Mann, Mrs. Ruth Williams

Y-O-U-R C-O-O-P-E-R-A-T-I-O-N
P-L-E-A-S-E!

By Arthur Dunbar--Totem Athletic Club
Elks Building, Seattle Washington

There is a problem upermost in the thoughts of your officers, and especially your legislative committee. There is reason to be concerned about our membership; There is a disturbing rumor concerning some of our people being accused of practicing other than massage while posing as masseur's. There have been some offices investigated and complaints about others, and some closures. Your officers feel that if these places were closed, when the technicians were practicing only massage unmistakeably, and not something else that we owe these members the protection of the order. This brings to the front the very serious problem of determining just weather or not some of our members are getting the "Works" or whether they were guilty of mal practice as charged.

I can state with confidence that the legal committee of the A.A.M.M is of the opinion that the members who is practicing massage and just that and has a good record morally and otherwise, is deserving of the unqualified support of the order.

On the other hand, we cannot earn the respect of the public or the law or our collegues if we support those who are using massage as a racket.

Your committee would appreciate it if any one who is molested in any way by anyone would write the particulars to this Committee setting forth details in full. Also bring the happenings to the attention of your Local Group. Write to

Arthur Dunbar, Chairman Legal Committee
Totem Athletic Club
Elks Building, Seattle 22 Wash

Organizational Information

By George Gammon 771 Third St
San Bernardino California

Member of A.A.M.M N't'l Organization Comm.

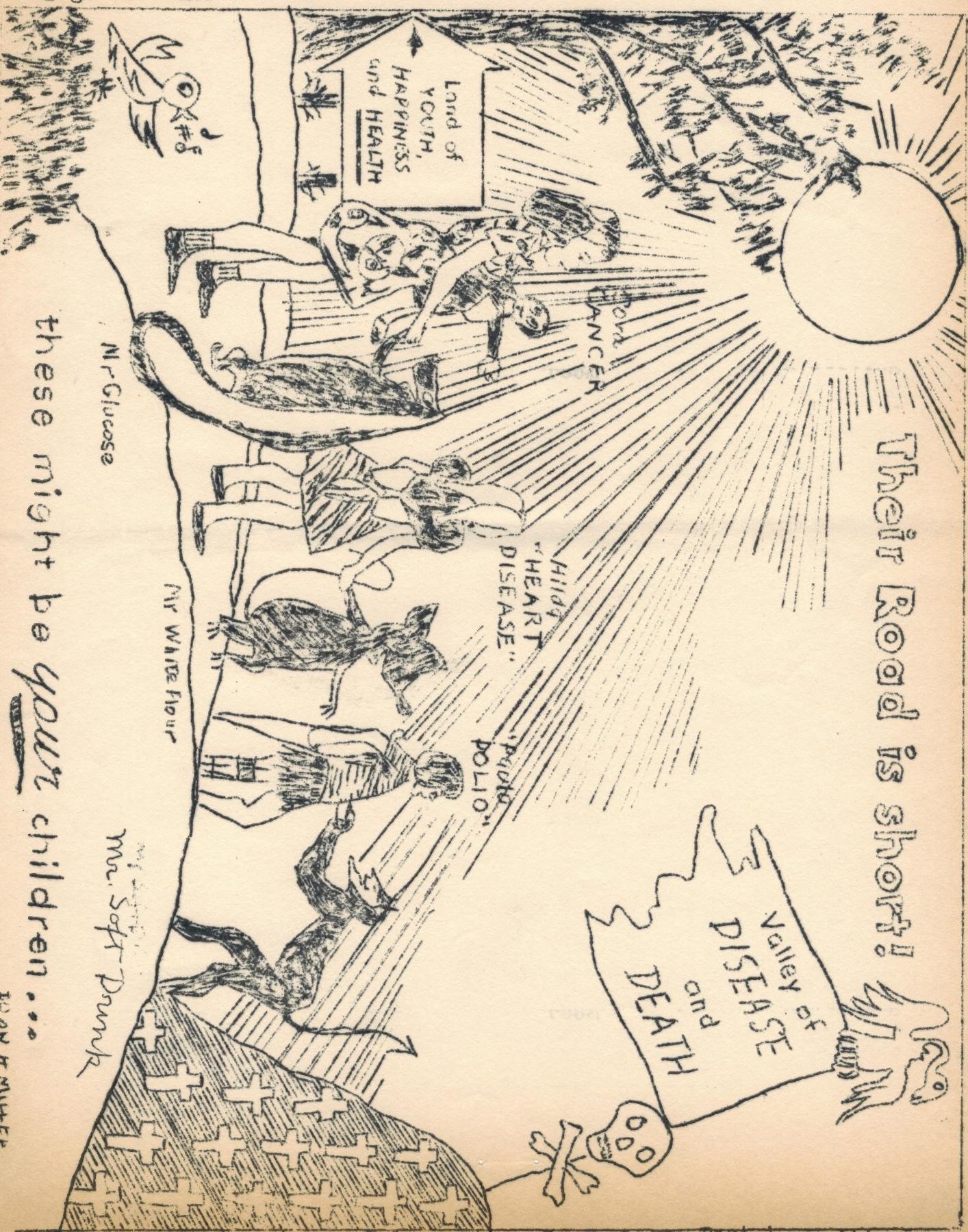
Now here is a suggestion. Have headquarters send every member one application. Send a letter making them responsible for the signing of one new member. Get a campaign going in the masseur for every member to get a member. Start an honor roll in the masseur, giving the names of every one who has gotten a member and the number of members that they have signed. Make a game and a contest out of it, but press the idea of each individuals responsibility to get at least one new member.

I am trying to get a one day Convention in July to organize our Chapter here in California. I have written to San Francisco but somehow the members here in the State of California do not have an answer. We now have 8 members which is twice the number we had last year. With a few more up North and a few more in the South we can have a very good Chapter started.

Yours sincerely,
George Gammon.

George: When you go to Texas take some Applications with you and lets see if those people won't like to hear about the A.A.M.M also. See P 30

Their Road is short!!



these might be your children . . .